



AGENDA

**Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Conservation Policy Board Meeting**
John A. Halter Shooting Sports Center, Hillsdale
Saturday, December 3, 2022

Contact Vice President Rob Miller at rob@millerelectric.com or
Policy Assistant Justin Tomei at jtomei@mucc.org for questions

Conservation Pledge: I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country – its air, soil, and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.

MUCC Mission Statement: Uniting citizens to conserve, protect, and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.

10:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings- Education (Dawn Levey), Fisheries (Eric Braden), Wildlife (Leonard Shaner), Parks, Recreation and Trails (Allen Kasdorf), Firearms/Shooting/Ranges (Jack Ammerman)
11:00 a.m.	Conservation Policy Board Welcome and Opening Remarks Role of Conservation Policy Board <i>Vice President Rob Miller</i>
11:10 a.m.	The Pledges (Allegiance & Conservation) <i>Vice President Rob Miller</i>
11:12 a.m.	Introduction of Executive Board, Past Presidents, Staff and Special Guests <i>Vice President Rob Miller</i>
11:15 a.m.	Introduction of Voting Conservation Policy Board Members, MUCC Members, and Visitors in Attendance <i>Vice President Rob Miller</i>
11:20 a.m.	Vacancies Filled on the Conservation Policy Board -Education Committee: Dawn Levey <i>Vice President Rob Miller</i>
11:22 a.m.	Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2022 Meeting <i>All</i>
11:25 a.m.	Speaker <i>Kyle Rorah, Ducks Unlimited</i>
11:35 a.m.	Questions and Answers

11:45 p.m.	Harmful Algal Bloom Economic Impact Study <i>MUCC Staff</i>
11:55 a.m.	Questions and Answers
12:05 – 12:35 p.m.	BREAK-Lunch Available
12:35 p.m.	Policy Committee Reports
12:45 p.m.	<p><u>Emergency and Proposed Resolution Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Resolution Read by maker or their designee · Resolution explained by maker or their designee (5-minute time limit) · Without objection, this resolution is consistent with the mission and purpose of MUCC. · Committee input · Discussion on the resolution (2-minute time limit with 2 opportunities to speak on an issue/person) · Motion for disposition of the resolution · Discussion of the motion <p><u>Proposed Policy Resolutions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed Resolution #A Easier Access to Recreational Passport ● Proposed Resolution #B Extension of Apprentice Hunting License Timeline ● Proposed Resolution #C Pontoon Registration Fee/Renewal Fee ● Proposed Resolution #D State Park Endowment Fund (SPEF) Oversight ● Proposed Resolution #E Natural Resource Commission Meeting Locations ● Proposed Resolution #F Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Improvement ● Proposed Resolution #G Retention of Bear Points ● Proposed Resolution #H Reaffirm MUCC's Opposition to Camp Grayling Expansion ● Proposed Resolution #I Recreational Vehicle Education ● Proposed Resolution #J Green Solar Energy on Private Lands ● Proposed Resolution #K Game Tracking Dog Use <p><i>Vice President Rob Miller</i></p> <p><u>Motions that are in order:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass resolution as is on to 2023 Convention 2. Amend and Pass to Convention 3. Postpone action and refer back to writer (or MUCC Committee) with Comments
1:45 p.m. (Or when proposed resolutions are finished)	Policy updates from MUCC & Nimrod Education Center <i>MUCC Staff & AI Stewart</i>
2:05 p.m.	Executive Board Report <i>Amy Trotter</i>
2:25 p.m.	Moment for the Mission <i>Amy Trotter</i>
2:30 p.m.	<p>Announcement of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · MUCC Annual Convention, March 24-26 2022 Mt. Pleasant, MI. · June Meeting, Upper Peninsula, date and time TBD. <p>Adjourn</p> <p><i>Vice President Rob Miller</i></p>

September 17 Conservation Policy Board Minutes - DRAFT

Committee meetings begin at 10:30am

Meeting called to order at 11:19am by MUCC Vice President Rob Miller

Vice President Rob Millers gives opening remarks, role of CPB.

Vice President Rob Miller leads the CPB in the Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge

Vice President Rob Miller introduced CPB Members, Executive Board Members, Staff and Guests in attendance.

Vice President Rob Miller announces filling of previously vacant Region 1 and Region 4 club vacancies. Region 1 George Lindquist, Region 4 Paul Rose. Kayla Levey as Youth and Education Chair.

Approval of Agenda David VanLopik(Rick Singleton) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2022 CPB Meeting Terry Vuscanovik(Zach Snyder) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vice President Rob Miller introduces Guest Chad Stewart, DNR Wildlife Division

MUCC Staff demonstrates the new DNR Hunt/Fish app.

Committee Reports Delivered

Fisheries: Resolutions sent to committee members this week, amendments forthcoming.

Wildlife: Will be sharing comments. Got through three resolutions.

Parks/Rec/Trails: Spent most of the committee meeting about potential resolution at the December CPB meeting.

Shooting: No impactful legislation at this time, watching lame duck. Camp Grayling was on agenda.

Youth/Education: none

BREAK FOR LUNCH 12:30pm

RETURN AT 1:06pm

Resolution Discussion

Motion to bring resolutions A-F to the floor. Rob Miller(Allen Kasdorf) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolution #A Reaffirming MUCC's Opposition to Camp Grayling

Fisheries Committee Motion to propose amendment to read: Strike everything starting at line 49. Replace with: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that MUCC reaffirms it's commitment to opposition to Camp Grayling expansion per resolution BR011089 and opposes any further expansion." Amend Amendment to strike 49-58 replace with above text. Eric Braden(). **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Wildlife committee motion to send back to writer with concerns, Line 14 and Line 43, for December meeting. Rob Miller(Rick Singleton) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolution #B Wolf-Dog Conflict Reporting

Fisheries Support as written.

Parks & Rec supports.

Wildlife Committee would amend to add after line 20: "**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that MUCC will work with the DNR to also include an option to report "wolf-livestock conflict" on the smartphone app." Rob Miller(Anthony Mitchell) **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Move to add the word voluntary to line 20 after "to" strike immediately. David VanLopik(Jack Lehto) **MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to pass to convention as amended Roger Calhoun(Mark Spencer) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolution #C Mandatory Turkey Reporting

Wildlife Committee proposes the following amendments: Line 38 strike the word mandatory to read "enact a mandatory turkey harvest reporting system in conjunction with the new DNR app-based reporting system," Rob Miller(Zach Snyder) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Proposed amendment to "establish" in place of "mandatory" Rob Miller(Rick Singleton)

Jack VanRhee opposed to proposed title change amendment.

MOTION TO CHANGE TITLE PASSES

Motion to amend Lines 25-add "current Wildlife Chief" after the word mentioned. Abraham Downer(Zach Snyder) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to pass to convention as amended Zach Snyder(Abraham Downer) **MOTION CARRIES**

Resolution #D Wake Boat Regulations

Fisheries Committee Supports as Written

Motion to pass to convention Eric Braden(Roger Calhoun) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolution #E Apprentice License for Special Needs Individuals

Motion to Table until Wildlife Committee can discuss it David VanLopik(Roger Calhoun)

MOTION FAILS

Motion to move to convention Jack Lehto(Paul Rose) **MOTION CARRIES**

Resolution #F Lifetime Apprentice License

No response from Education Committee via email or in person.

Motion to send back to writer with suggestion to withdraw Zach Snyder(Rick Singleton)

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Board Emergency Resolution - For Information Only

Clarified this is for informational and feedback purposes. Action will be taken at October 5th, 2022 Eboard Meeting.

Most feedback was relating to the 10 day reporting change. Will likely be changed to some shorter or more appropriate time.

Abraham Downer recommends striking lines 17-18 as the pinpoint is not FOIA-able.

Anthony Mitchell recommends clarifying the department be transparent on their intentions with the pinpoint data.

MUCC Staff Justin Tomei gave policy update

MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter gave an MUCC Executive Board Report

MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter gave the Moment for the Mission

Vice President Rob Miller announced the next CPB Meeting

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Motion to adjourn Rick Singleton(Mark Spencer) **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

Meeting Adjourned 2:43pm

Proposed Resolution #A
Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Bruce Hall, Cass County Conservation Club
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Policy Board Meeting
Title: Easier Access to Michigan Recreational Passports

1. **WHEREAS:** a Recreational Passport is required at State Parks, Boat Launches and other
2. locations in Michigan, and;
3. **WHEREAS:** these Recreational Passports are available only when you purchase your license
4. plates, or log online and wait days, and sometimes weeks, to receive your Recreational
5. Passport in the mail, or at specified State Parks, and;
6. **WHEREAS:** the Recreational Passport is also required for out of state visitors, and;
7. **WHEREAS:** this limited availability can be a deterrent to the use of the facilities requiring a
8. Recreational Passport, NOW;
9. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the
10. Michigan Legislature, and ~~the appropriate state agencies~~ ~~the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)~~ to create a
11. ~~More efficient system~~ kiosk system to make the Recreational Passport immediately available.;
and ¶
12. ~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:~~ that these kiosks be placed in current MDNR License Agent's ¶
13. ~~Businesses.~~

Proposed Resolution #B
Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Policy Board Meeting
Title: Extension of Apprentice Hunting License Timeline

1. **WHEREAS:** The apprentice hunting license requires an apprentice hunter to be within arms
2. reach of a licensed parent or guardian, or a 21 year old licensed hunter approved by the parent
3. or guardian; and,
4. **WHEREAS:** The apprentice license is no cheaper than traditional hunting licenses; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** Currently an apprentice hunter can only hunt on an apprentice license for two
6. years before they are required to take hunters safety to continue hunting; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** The purpose of hunters safety is to prepare an individual to hunt safely alone; and,
8. **WHEREAS:** There are anecdotal reports of large numbers of hunters safety instructors leaving
9. the program statewide; and,
10. **WHEREAS:** This has led to prospective students having a hard time finding a class they are
11. able to take, particularly in rural areas; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** The number of hunters nationwide is decreasing rapidly; and,
13. **WHEREAS:** We have a responsibility as conservationists to ensure the next generation
14. continues to have hunting opportunities; and,
15. **WHEREAS:** Some individuals may choose to hunt alone for a longer period of time, preferring
16. instead to hunt with significant others, friends, or other family members; NOW,
17. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MUCC advocates for allowing Michigan's hunters to
18. hunt legally under an apprentice license for ~~three~~ five years if they take at least the online hunter safety education program in the first two years to provide a provisional certificate until the hunter safety in person field portion can be completed:

Proposed Resolution #C
Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Bob Schulz, President, Metro West Steelheaders
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Pontoon Registration Fee/Renewal Fee

1. **WHEREAS:** Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 324.80124 requires that watercraft vessels in the
2. State of Michigan be registered, and that registration will be renewed every three (3) years; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** MCL 324.80124 sets forth the fees to be paid for that registration, and registration
4. renewal fees for motorized watercraft vessels based solely on length; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** MCL 324.80124 sets a separate registration and renewal fee for all pontoon
6. watercraft vessels, regardless of vessel length; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** Pontoons can operate at the same capacities of other motorized watercraft
8. vessels; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** Pontoons are now being used for all water activities (tubing, water skiing, fishing)
10. including on the Great Lakes; and,
11. **WHEREAS:** Pontoon registration/renewal fee is \$23.00 regardless of length; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** Other motorized watercraft vessels fee is based solely on length and ranges from
13. \$14.00 to \$448.00; and,
14. **WHEREAS:** This is an unfair fee schedule to all other motorized watercraft vessels that have
15. the same capacities equal access to State of Michigan waters; and,
16. **WHEREAS:** It should be known that all other motorized watercraft vessels, such as ski boats,
17. bass boats, cabin cruisers, sail boats, etc., pay the same fee; and,
18. **WHEREAS:** It should be known that all registration/renewal fees for motorized watercraft
19. vessels are based solely on length and not vessel dollar worth; NOW,
20. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Michigan United Conservation Club shall seek to have MCL
21. 324.80124 be amended so that all motorized watercraft vessels pay the same
22. registration/renewal fees based on length.

Proposed Resolution #D
Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC Past President
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: State Park Endowment Fund (SPEF) Oversight

1. **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has proven to be an effective
2. mechanism for allotting royalty extraction funds through a governing citizens Michigan Natural
3. Resources Trust Fund Board (MNRTF Board); and,
4. **WHEREAS**, these projects are judged against criteria created to best benefit the public lands
5. and the natural resources from which wealth is extracted, for purposes of acquisition,
6. improvement, and development of recreation on land held in public trust; and,
7. **WHEREAS**, the premise of the royalty payment is compensation for the extraction of resources
8. from public lands by benefiting the expansion and conservation of state holdings, and constitute
9. assets placed in a public trust; and,
10. **WHEREAS** the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund (SPEF) has no such governance by a
11. citizen board as constituted in the MNRTF; and,
12. **WHEREAS**, the use of public funds above and beyond the \$500 million cap for the MNRTF
13. constitute the funding of the SPEF, and by extension should be used for the same purpose, and
14. **WHEREAS** recent federal funds have been made available to the DNR to meet some of the
15. state park deficiencies intended to be addressed by SPEF, and yet the limit to which this fund
16. can rise remains unchanged; NOW,
17. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, MUCC will discuss the establishment of a similar governing
18. body for the SPEF to make decisions as to the disbursement of the fund for acquisition,
19. improvement, and restoration (capital expenditures) and not for operations (recognizing that any
20. such project will have a certain % of labor cost and staff time needed above and beyond the
21. normal operating costs of the Division – a % to be considered by the suggested board as that
22. which is appropriate to the grant proposal)

Proposed Resolution #E
Requires Simple Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Steve Dey & Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Natural Resources Commission Meeting Locations

1. **WHEREAS:** The Natural Resource Commission (NRC) is the link between citizens of Michigan
2. and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and,
3. **WHEREAS:** it is vitally important for the NRC to hear from citizens of Michigan about hunting,
4. fishing, trapping, and other vital natural resource issues that come before the NRC; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** The NRC has twelve meetings a year primarily held, in Lansing; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** To make it easier for citizens to attend NRC meeting to share their thoughts at
7. NRC meetings; NOW,
8. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** MUCC will work with the NRC and DNR to have 3 meetings
9. in the Upper Peninsula, 3 meetings in Northern Michigan, 3 meetings in Southeast Michigan,
10. and 3 meetings in Southwest Michigan.

Proposed Resolution #F
Requires Simple Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Ken Dalton, Individual Member
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Recruitment

1. **WHEREAS:** the Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative (MPHI) and MUCC have worked closely
2. to enact Public Act 262 of 2020; (MCL 324.43525c); and,
3. **WHEREAS:** the goal of Public Act 262 is to recruit, retain, and reactive (R3) Michigan pheasant
4. hunters; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** to meet these goals, most pheasant hunters must now purchase a pheasant license
6. in order to pheasant hunt on public lands in Michigan; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** 100% of pheasant license proceeds fund the hiring of game breeders to release
8. rooster pheasants on public lands in Michigan; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** since the pheasant license inception, over a quarter of a million dollars have been
10. raised through pheasant license sales; and,
11. **WHEREAS:** the Department of Natural Resources selected nine state game areas in which
12. roosters are released; and,
13. **WHEREAS:** participating SGA land managers report dramatic increase in hunter numbers since
14. enactment of PA 262; and,
15. **WHEREAS:** not all Michigan pheasant hunters are in close proximity to one of the nine state
16. game areas; and,
17. **WHEREAS:** Michigan boasts many ~~public hunting lands~~ ~~state game areas~~ with suitable hunting habitat in which
18. roosters could be released and hunted; and,
19. **WHEREAS:** Adding additional ~~public hunting lands~~ ~~state game areas~~ as release sites would give many more
20. Michigan hunters an opportunity to hunt pheasants, resulting in higher pheasant license sales
21. and increasing the amount of revenue available to purchase rooster pheasants for release;
22. NOW,
23. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the
24. Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources

25. Commission to support the expansion of release sites available for public pheasant hunting
26. with the goal of getting more pheasant hunters into the field.

Proposed Resolution #G
Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Zach Snyder, Individual Member, Conservation Policy Board Member
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Retention of Bear Points

1. **WHEREAS:** There is no guarantee that leftover bear licenses will be available for any hunt or
2. unit; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** Traditionally, only western UP units have any leftover bear tags; and,
4. **WHEREAS:** Leftover licenses are currently sold on a first-come, first-served basis for a one
5. week period prior to the season for unsuccessful applicants, and any remaining licenses are
6. open to the general public one week after that; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** The quotas are set for a target harvest goal, and ensuring these tags are used by
8. active hunters would help achieve these biological goals; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** If a hunter wishes to purchase a leftover bear license, that hunter is forced to
10. relinquish any accrued bear preference points; NOW,
11. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and
12. advocate through the Natural Resources Commission and Michigan DNR to allow for the
13. retention of a hunter's accrued preference points when purchasing a leftover bear license.

Proposed Resolution #H
Requires Simple Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Life Member
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Reaffirm MUCC's opposition to Camp Grayling expansion

1. **WHEREAS:** Camp Grayling was founded in 1913 on an initial grant of land from Grayling
2. lumber baron Rasmus Hanson to the state for military training. It includes 147,000 acres in
3. Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego counties. Troops first started training at Camp Grayling in 1914;
4. and,
5. **WHEREAS:** the Grayling area provides quality outdoor recreational experiences; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** expanded use of Camp Grayling in recent years has adversely affected and
7. impacted the natural environment of the Grayling area; and,
8. **WHEREAS:** past experiences demonstrate that a need exists to more closely monitor and
9. regulate the environmental impact Camp Grayling activities create; and,
10. **WHEREAS:** during 2016 and 2017 the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
11. (MDMVA) conducted a site investigation on the Grayling Army Airfield (GAAF) for the presence
12. of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the groundwater. It then determined that there
13. was an off-base human health concern; and,
14. **WHEREAS:** Sheri McWhirter of The Traverse City Record Eagle reports “State records show
15. more than 1,100 drinking water samples have been tested through spring this year. Of those,
16. nearly 300 tested positive for some level of PFAS contamination. Officials found 19 homes with
17. PFAS levels at or in beyond the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s health advisory
18. standard for lifetime exposure — 70 parts per trillion — 17 near the airfield and two near Lake
19. Margrethe. Hundreds more residential well samples returned levels between that concentration
20. and non-detection.” in an article from 2019;
21. (<https://www.record-eagle.com/users/profile/Sheri%20McWhirter>); and,
22. **WHEREAS:** Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, MI has caused a “Do Not Eat Deer
23. Advisory” and a “Do Not eat Fish Advisory” due to toxic PFAS contamination
24. ([https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/10/19/dnr-do-not-eat-deer-military-base/](https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/10/19/dnr-do-not-eat-deer-military-base/1695100002/)
25. [1695100002/](https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/10/19/dnr-do-not-eat-deer-military-base/1695100002/)); and,
26. **WHEREAS:** MUCC relies on a grassroots policy process to set the organization’s directives.
27. Our members dictate the positions of the organization. In 1989, MUCC members passed a

28. resolution opposing the expansion of Camp Grayling except during a national emergency, as
29. declared by the President or Congress; and,
30. **WHEREAS:** The National Guard is asking for an expansion to lease an additional 162,000
31. acres of DNR lands that is currently open to various forms of public recreation including hunting,
32. angling, and trapping. This would be in addition to the 147,000 acres they are currently leasing;
33. and,
34. **WHEREAS:** Public Act 47 of 2009 requires the DNR: “2(a) Keep land under its control open to
35. hunting unless the department determines that the land should be closed to hunting because of
36. public safety, fish or wildlife management, or homeland security concerns or as otherwise
37. required by law. 2(b) Manage land under its control to support and promote hunting and fishing
38. opportunities to the extent authorized by law.”; and,
39. **WHEREAS:** The biggest state revenue source for the DNR is the Game and Fish Protection
40. Fund. The primary source of revenue for the fund is hunting and fishing license fees; and,
41. **WHEREAS:** No money would be exchanged with the proposed lease, as it would be an
42. agreement between two State of Michigan departments. An estimated years long review
43. process incorporating MI DNR staff and resources is expected to just be incorporated
44. into the plan of work for staff in each office and division that has proposed expansion lands
45. within their respective boundaries. This on top of already short staff and underfunded; and,
46. **WHEREAS:** Camp Grayling has a track record of degrading our natural resources They
47. currently have three open PFAS/PFOA investigations on going: Lake Margrethe, Army Airfield
48. and MATES at Range 30*; and,
49. **WHEREAS:** it’s important to update and/or reaffirm MUCC’s position on historical issues as new
50. information, threats, and members change; NOW,
51. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs seeks Camp
52. Graylings full and total compliance with all federal, state and local environmental laws by the
53. Department of Military Affairs; and,
54. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that MUCC reaffirms its commitment to opposition to Camp
55. Grayling expansion per resolution BR011089 and opposes any further expansion.
56. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** MUCC will work with the DNR and National Guard to minimize
environmental impact and maximize recreational opportunity and any expansion that may take
place will not negatively impact DNR budget; and,
57. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that in those instances where public lands can no longer be
58. managed as an environmental resource for public recreation, the department be compensated
59. for by some mitigation acceptable to the Natural Resources Commission, legislature, or

60. appropriate public entity.

*<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/investigations/sites-aoi/crawford-county/camp-grayling-lake-margrethe>
<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/investigations/sites-aoi/crawford-county/grayling-army-airfield>
<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/investigations/sites-aoi/crawford-county/camp-grayling-mates>

Proposed Resolution #I
Requires Simple Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Steven Lomonaco, Region 5
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Recreational Vehicle Education

1. **WHEREAS:** Society is becoming more fast-paced and the time available for parents/guardians
2. and children to participate in weekend educational experiences is limited; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** the consolidation of Michigan Department of Natural Resources sponsored
4. safety programs would encourage increased participation; NOW,
5. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the
6. Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resource Commission and
7. instructors to study the feasibility of combining the snowmobile and off-road vehicle education
8. programs; and,
9. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the consolidation includes the combining of instructional
10. material, the certificate, and the final exam; and,
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that if the feasibility study supports consolidation action be taken
12. to combine the programs.
13. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the MDNR recreational safety staff work with current ORV
and snowmobile instructors to come up with a blueprint of what the new books should look like
and what should be on the test.

Proposed Resolution #J

Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Green Solar Energy on Private Lands

1. **WHEREAS:** Increasingly, large scale solar energy production sites are in our future here in
2. Michigan; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** There is growing pressure to buy, or lease privately held forests and agricultural
4. property for large scale solar farms; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** Solar farms are often biological deserts covered with frequently mowed non-native
6. grass of little value to wildlife, even essential pollinating insects; and, are
7. fenced off in a manner restricting natural wildlife movement over long distances; and,
8. **WHEREAS:** Where these solar farms will be located, and how they are built and maintained is
9. of importance to all who use, live near and recreate on our Michigan's private lands because
10. these farms will eliminate wildlife habitat, displace wildlife, and reduce or eliminate recreational
11. use of those lands; and have major impacts on adjoining public and private lands; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** It may not be a good carbon trade off to cut down a forest, bulldoze a prairie,
13. eliminate current CRP lands, or other wildlife habitat to build solar farms; and,
14. **WHEREAS:** there are large paved areas, brownfield sites, large manufacturing, distribution and
15. government facilities and other areas of little or no current ecological value that could add solar
16. farms with little or no negative impact; and,
17. **WHEREAS:** With changes in zoning and design solar farms could be truly greener with reduced
18. damage to existing wildlife habitat, less mowing, more native plants, more
19. wildlife habitat, reduced use of paving, fewer toxic materials, and minimal restriction of natural
20. wildlife movement; NOW,
21. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MUCC work with the State of Michigan and affiliated
22. agencies, Michigan State University, the Michigan Legislature, and other stakeholder groups to
23. develop and implement improved solar zoning, site recommendations, **land-owner education**
- and legislation to ensure
24. that implement solar projects that are truly beneficial to Michigan's natural resources.

Proposed Resolution #K
Requires 2/3 Majority
PASSED TO CONVENTION

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA
Proposed: December 3, 2022, Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Game Tracking Dog Use

1. **WHEREAS:** The use of game tracking dogs is becoming increasingly popular to aid in the
2. recovery of wounded deer, elk and bear; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** the use of trained game tracking dogs and their skilled handlers is of immeasurable
4. benefit to ethical hunters seeking to do all they can to recover wounded or lost deer, elk and
5. bear; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** Fees for the services for the use of tracking dogs can range from free to hundreds
7. of dollars; and,
8. **WHEREAS:** unregulated, unethical and uncontrolled use of tracking dogs could lead to increase
9. trespassing, unethical behavior and poaching; and,
10. **WHEREAS:** Unscrupulous dog handlers with poorly trained dogs could cheat Michigan hunters
11. out of large sums; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** Uncontrolled tracking dogs and their handlers entering properties without
13. permission and in uncontrolled manner can have a negative impact on hunting opportunities on
14. those neighboring properties for up to a week and lead to dangerous conflicts with property
15. owners; and,
16. **WHEREAS:** Dispatch of wounded animals by trackers can end suffering more quickly if the
17. hunter is ~~disabled physically incapable~~ of accompanying the tracker, but also has the potential
18. to create
19. situations where unethical requirements or illegal hunting take place; and,
20. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MUCC shall support changes and amendments to
21. tracking dog regulations to encourage the increased use of trained game tracking dogs and
22. skilled dog handlers whose dogs are under control at all times and will not enter properties
23. without permission; NOW,
24. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the MUCC shall support for tracking dogs and their
25. handlers to be: registered with the DNR, possess a valid CPL, have passed a United Blood
26. Trackers level 1 or greater test, and be required to call/text DNR law enforcement to inform
27. them when they begin tracking a deer and report results within 12 hours; and,

27. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the MUCC shall support regulations that require that the
28. tracking dog be on a lead of up to 50 feet OR wearing an e-collar with GPS with recall capability
29. (this could include use tone, vibration, and/or shock) and property line mapping (ie: Garmin 200i
30. Alpha) to stop it from entering properties where the handler has not obtained permission to
31. enter; and,
32. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If the dog is off lead, the dog and handler should successfully
33. complete the new United Blood Trackers off lead test that was established in 2022; and,
34. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That If the handler loses control of the tracking dog and it enters
35. an adjoining property without permission, the handler should be required to inform DNR law
36. enforcement with detailed track information, and make a good faith effort to inform the
37. landowner that they are entering the property to retrieve their dog. If the handler takes these
38. steps and enters the property alone, ~~without a firearm or bow of the season~~ ~~without a weapon,~~
to retrieve their dog, they will not be
39. subject to penalties; and,
40. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the MUCC shall support DNR registered tracker dispatch in
41. situations where the hunter is ~~disabled~~ ~~disabled~~ ~~as described in MUCC's 2019 resolution 2B~~
and thus unable to accompany the tracker. When the
42. hunter is physically capable of accompanying the tracker the MUCC shall support requirements
43. that the hunter promptly dispatch the wounded animal if needed.